

# BetterTogether: Police-Community Engagement of Muncie

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BALL STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY  
PRESENTS

## BETTER TOGETHER

POLICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OF MUNCIE

**DATE: MAY 1ST, 2021**

**9AM-12:30PM**

**LOCATION: MUNCIE FIELDHOUSE**

**525 N. WALNUT STREET  
MUNCIE, IN. 47305**



BALL STATE  
UNIVERSITY

EST. 1918

COME & LEARN ABOUT POSITIVE  
COMMUNITY POLICE ENGAGEMENT WHILE  
PARTICIPATING IN INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING:

- A 1-ON-1 HUMAN LIBRARY  
WITH POLICE OFFICERS
- BALL STATE STUDENT PRESENTATIONS,
- A LIVE POLICE DEMONSTRATION,
- ALONG WITH A COMMUNITY FORUM,

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED**  
**\*MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT\***

**FIRST 50 PEOPLE WHO REGISTER WILL BE ADMITTED**



**Dr. Lorenzo Boyd**

*Vice President for Diversity & Inclusion  
Chief Diversity Officer at University  
of New Haven*



**Officer Tommy Norman**

*Police Officer of Arkansas  
Police Department*

***Building Better Neighborhoods, Indiana Campus Compact, MLK Dream Team,  
Muncie Human Rights, Ball State Office of Immersive Learning, Whitely Community Council,  
Ball State Police Department and Muncie Police Department.***



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### Title

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BetterTogether: Police-Community Engagement of Muncie

### Event Item Type Metadata

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### Duration

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9am-12.30pm

### Event Type

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Police-Community interactive session.


### Participants

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Ball State Students (Criminal Justice and Criminology)  
Muncie Police Department  
Whitely Community council  
Ball State Police Department

# Purpose of event

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The purpose of this event is to once again bring to the fore the importance of Police-Community relations. It is essential to continue to work on building trust between law enforcement and members of the community. This project will also generate ideas on improving and sustaining police-community engagement. We have partnered with the Whitely Community Council, Muncie Police Department and Ball State University Police Department for this event with the intention of creating a template for building stronger police-community relationships within the Muncie Community. Promote police-community engagement events and programs such as; lunch with a cop, national night out, and citizens police academy.

# Featured Speakers

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**Guest Speaker  
Dr Lorenzo Boyd Ph.D  
University of New  
Haven**

Lorenzo M. Boyd, Ph.D., is a nationally recognized leader in police-community relations and an authority on urban policing, diversity issues in criminal justice, race and crime, and criminal justice systems.

A former president of the Academy of Criminal Justice Science and a life member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), Dr. Boyd has appeared on local, regional, and national media outlets to discuss policing in the aftermath of high-profile cases.

Dr. Boyd currently serves as the University of New Haven's Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer.

Dr Lorenzo Boyd, Ph.D, University of New Haven

**“We have to work together to make our community a safer and more peaceful place to live”.**



**Guest Speaker  
Officer Tommy  
Norman  
North Little Rock  
Police Department**

Tommy Norman is a Police Officer who has worked for the North Little Rock Police Department since 1998. Officer Norman has received national attention for his actions concerning the people in his community, specifically focusing on the youth.

Norman is known for positive community policing. He is credited for doing things like presenting 50 NLRSD students with backpacks and \$50 gift cards from Shoe Carnival to purchase shoes, starting the “Shop with a Cop” program to help financially struggling students or just dancing with the children.

Officer Norman graduated from Ole Main High School in 1990. He has three children and eight siblings.

Officer Tommy Norman, North Little Rock Police Department

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# Student Presentations

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The Purpose of the Team Presentations is:

- To HIGHLIGHT why police-community engagement is important
- To IDENTIFY ways to promote police-community engagement
- To INTRODUCE innovative ideas for police and the community to work together
- To ENCOURAGE methods of building stronger relationships between police and minority communities

## TEAM 1 PRESENTATION

### MEMBERS

Jasmine Gray, Abigail Leath, Dalton Moffett, Jordan Olson, Lindsay Rudolf

- Targeted for K-3 students in Muncie schools
- Scheduled during library time or afterschool programs
- Cops read once a month
- Snacks provided

## MPD Reads



Jasmine Gray, Abigail Leath, Dalton Moffett, Jordan Olson, Lindsay Rudolf

Muncie Police Department Reads

## TEAM 2 PRESENTATION

### MEMBERS

Meredith Kirts, Jillian Miller,  
Madison Rees, Melia Rizzotte

- 5K run; one day event
- Refreshments and donuts
- After school program where officers and highschool students train for the 5K



Meredith Kirts, Jillian Miller, Madison Rees, Melia Rizzotte

The Sprinkle Sprint

## TEAM 3 PRESENTATION

### MEMBERS

Bobby Drake, Shane Finnegan,  
Alijah Forbes, Kelsey Jones,  
Christian Travis

- Park event
- Events: kickball, water balloon fight, police vehicles, food trucks, dunk tank, K9 demonstration
- Could combine with Fire Department

## Community and Police Park Extravaganza



Bobby Drake, Shane Finnegan, Alijah Forbes, Kelsey Jones, Christian Travis

Community and Police Park Extravaganza





# Conclusion

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## CONCLUSION

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